

## **REMARKS**

Minor translation errors were discovered in the specification and have been corrected. The term "quadripoles" was elsewhere correctly translated as "correction units". A similar problem was detected in claim 7 where the term "quadripoles" has been changed to "correction units", the correct translation corresponding with similar translations elsewhere in the claims in the specification.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §1112, second paragraph as indefinite since it was unclear to the Examiner how the driver current could determine a light power output by the laser diode as claimed in claims 1, 9, 12 and 13.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the specification page 4, lines 12-13 explaining that the laser diodes 5 have emitters individually driven with the drive circuit 1. As further explained at page 5, the paragraph beginning at line 16, the current sources control the light powers of the laser diodes via the driver currents  $I_{TA}$ ,  $I_{TB}$  and  $I_{TC}$ .

As known to those skilled in the art as exemplified by the attached Analog Devices Data Sheet - a Laser Diode Driver With Light Power Control-attached as Exhibit A and published in 1995, as shown in the functional block diagram the laser diode driver provides a drive current control through the laser diode to control the output power of the laser diode. See also at page 5 the characteristic curves known to those skilled in the art for laser diodes where optical output power is a function of forward or drive current.

Allowance of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

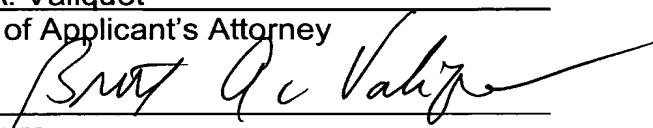
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